



MARCH | 2023

## IMPORTANT Upcoming Dates

**3/4 – REGISTRATION DEADLINE**

**3/4 – Player evaluations**  
at Facility of Dreams

\*In person registration will  
be held during evaluations

**3/18 – Coaches meeting**  
at Kimberly Ann Rock  
Snack Shack at 2PM

**3/25 – Spring clean up**  
at Kimberly Ann Rock  
Complex from 10AM - 1PM  
**Volunteers needed!**

**4/1 – Outdoor practices begin**

### **We need head coaches for our Tee Ball & Coach Pitch divisions!**

Advanced knowledge of the game or previous experience is not required. We welcome new coaches and will provide you with the tools needed to succeed. Register through [rumfordll.com](http://rumfordll.com) to coach or email [President@rumfordll.com](mailto:President@rumfordll.com) with any questions.

The fun starts this month with **player evaluations and our annual spring clean up day!** Read on for more details.



## PLAYER EVALUATIONS – SATURDAY 3/4

Player evaluations will be held at Facility of Dreams, 750 School Street, Pawtucket, RI. Please arrive at the start of your division time slot:

**Majors - 8:30AM - 10AM | Minors - 10AM - 11:30AM**

**Who must attend?** All Players ages 8-10 and all players moving up to our Majors division for their first year. **Please wear an active top, pants, sneakers (NO CLEATS) and bring your glove, bat, and batting helmet.**

Player evaluations are a great opportunity to test the level each player is at after the offseason, to show the growth between seasons, and to mark the starting point for the year. They also allow coaches to evaluate players for the upcoming draft and to place players in proper divisions/learning environments based on, most importantly, player enjoyment and safety.



## THE FINAL DAYS TO REGISTER FOR THE 2023 SEASON ARE HERE!

Register online at [rumfordll.com](http://rumfordll.com) or in person at player evaluations on 3/4. Not sure what division to sign your player up for? **League ages are as follows:**

Player ages 4, 5, 6 (1st year) are encouraged to sign up for Tee Ball  
Player ages 6, 7, 8 are encouraged to sign up for Coach Pitch  
Player ages 8, 9, 10 are encouraged to sign up for Minors  
Player ages 11 & 12 are encouraged to sign up for Majors



## RLL COACHES CORNER:

# The Process

Winning is fun. Every player wants to finish the little league season posing for photos next to a trophy on home plate on Linberg field after a hard-fought championship victory. **But is this the main goal of little league baseball?**

### **The objective of little league baseball as stated by Little League International is:**

“The objective of the Local League shall be to implant firmly in the children of the community the ideals of good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, courage and respect for authority, so that they may be well adjusted, stronger and happier children and will grow to be good, decent, healthy and trustworthy citizens.”

### ***That is a nice objective, but what does it mean? How is it achieved?***

**Fun** – A primary goal of our coaches is to create a fun environment for the players. Families have many options of how to spend their time. For those who choose Rumford Little League baseball, it is important to the league that our players have fun and want to go to their practices and games. If players are showing up excited to play baseball with their friends, teaching life lessons and baseball skills becomes attainable.

### **Learn Life Lessons Through the Sport of**

**Baseball** – It is difficult to think of a life lesson that cannot be learned through baseball. Every year we enjoy watching young players overcome their fears. Players learn to handle victory and defeat. They must learn to move on from failure and poor outcomes and focus on the next pitch or the next game. Players learn to deal with their teammates' failure. They learn to control their emotions and control their communication (both verbal and nonverbal) around teammates who feel they have let the team down. Players learn how to win with class and take pride in their accomplishments while remaining humble. Several coaches work life lessons into every practice and game. Players are given responsibilities for arriving at games and practices on time and prepared, organizing



their equipment, and leading the team through warm-ups. Players often help with field cleanup and volunteer in the snack shack learning life lessons along the way. Looking back to the quoted objective statement, lessons of good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, courage, and respect for authority are embedded in our program along with many other important life lessons.

**Developing Players** – Some children play little league simply to have fun with their friends. Others are motivated at early ages to achieve goals such as winning championships and making all-star teams. Whether a player's goal is to make it through majors to play with their friends, make the transition to playing on 60/90 field, or starting on a high school team someday, it is an objective of Rumford Little League to assist in the growth of each player. We understand skill development is not linear. There are peaks and plateaus along the way. Development of any difficult skill takes persistence and grit...and baseball is a game of difficult skills! Whichever end of the spectrum of goals a child is on, our coaches aim to assist in appropriate skill development.

The bottom line is that Rumford Little League aims to help children grow and develop by learning life lessons and baseball skills through a fun baseball experience! **The process that leads to the championship is often more important than the trophy they would receive.**

